IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification as amended below with replacement paragraphs shows added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. A clean copy of the amended specification accompanies this amendment. No new matter has been added.

Please REPLACE paragraph **[0022]** of the specification of record with the following paragraph:

[0022] The functional integrity of the radio communication system WLAN; GSM shown in Figure 1 is described with reference to Figure 2. In this situation the individual operations are consecutively numbered with the digits 1 to 10 in Figure 2, to which reference is made in the following. Figure 2 shows from left to right operations which are executed by the different components of the radio communication network WLAN; GSM shown in Figure 1. From left to right in Figure 2 these components are the terminal device MS, the network access station AP; BS, one of the checking devices SP and also the checking center SC. In a first step, a reconfiguration of the terminal device MS is initiated. In a second step, the terminal device MS initially waits for a time period t to determine whether it receives a confirmation signal from the radio communication system WLAN; GSM indicating that the terminal device will be checked for proper functional integrity while it is operating. Such a confirmation signal, which is denoted by ~~S2~~SZ in Figure 1, is however only generated automatically by the communication system if this is one having a system operator, in other words the GSM network GSM in the present case. In such a case, the third step described in the following would be skipped and the method continued immediately with the fourth step. In Figure 2 it has been assumed however that the terminal device MS is currently situated in the ad hoc network WLAN. Since in this case there is no central system operator, during the time period t the terminal device MS does not receive a confirmation signal ~~S2~~SZ from the network access station AP; BS of the radio communication system. In a third step after the time period t has elapsed, the terminal device MS therefore sends a request signal to the checking center SC. The request signal S1 which the terminal device MS sends to the network access station AP; BS is shown in Figure 1. From there it passes to the checking center SC, whereby the terminal device MS uses an address ADR of the checking center SC, which address has previously been stored in the terminal device MS. In response to the request signal S1, checking center SC determines in a fourth step that the checking device SP is to perform checking of the terminal device MS for proper functional integrity. The checking center SC selects the particular checking device SP which is situated closest to the network access station AP; BS or to the terminal device MS.

Please REPLACE paragraph **[0023]** of the specification of record with the following paragraph:

[0023] In a fifth step, the checking devices SP selected by the checking center SC sends a confirmation signal to the network access station AP; BS which in a sixth step passes on the confirmation signal ~~S2~~SZ (cf. Figure 1) to the terminal device MS. After receiving the confirmation signal ~~S2~~SZ, the terminal device MS continues its operation.

Please REPLACE paragraph **[0024]** of the specification of record with the following paragraph:

[0024] If the terminal device MS were not to receive a confirmation signal ~~S2~~SZ that would amount to the same thing as there having been no authorization for operation issued to the terminal device and the terminal device MS would deactivate itself.

Please REPLACE paragraph **[0026]** of the specification of record with the following paragraph:

[0026] Figure 4 shows the terminal device MS from Figure 1. In addition to a transmit device MSTX and a receive device MSRX for transmitting and receiving signals, the terminal device MS includes a processor MSP for controlling its functions. Furthermore, it has a timer T for measuring the time period t as per the second step from Figure 2. Furthermore, the terminal device MS contains a memory in which the address ADR of the confirmation unit CU or of its checking center SC is stored. In addition, a deactivation unit DA is present which effects the described deactivation of the terminal device MS when either no confirmation signal ~~S2~~SZ is received by way of the receive device MSRX or a special deactivation signal is received which is the case in the event of an error in the functional integrity of the terminal device MS detected by checking duration operation.

Please REPLACE paragraph **[0028]** of the specification of record with the following paragraph:

[0028] According to Figure 3, during commissioning of the terminal device MS from Figure 1 the method for generating the confirmation signal ~~S2~~SZ, as described according to Figure 2, is first initiated (block 100). In block 100a a check is performed to determine whether the

confirmation signal ~~S2~~SZ has been sent to the mobile station MS. If this is not the case, the terminal device MS automatically deactivates itself (block 100b). If this is the case, however, the check of the functional integrity of the terminal device MS is performed while it is operating (block 101). In the event of an error occurring, is check is first made to determine whether the error is recoverable (block 102). The reason why the terminal device MS is not also deactivated immediately in the event of an unrecoverable error is that the requirements relating to freedom from errors of operation of the terminal device MS can change as a result of a possible movement of the terminal device MS in the radio communication system at a later point in time (for example on leaving the current cell of a cellular mobile radio system and entering a new cell).